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For: NOVEL FORM OF IRBESARTAN,
METHODS FOR OBTAINING SAID FORM AND
PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS
CONTAINING SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

After the claims, please insert the following abstract as new page 36 (a copy of which is enclosed herewith for the Examiner's convenience):

ABSTRACT

The invention relates to a novel crystalline form of irbesartan, to pharmaceutical compositions containing it, to processes for preparing it, and to a method for treating cardiovascular diseases utilizing it.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1-30 and add new claims 31-45 as follows before calculating the filing fee for the above-identified application.

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